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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

45 June 7, 2011

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE SERVICE CONTRACTS
IN VARIOUS CITIES AND UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES
WITHIN THE BALLONA CREEK WATERSHED AND
SAN GABRIEL RIVER WATERSHED
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to award public works maintenance service contracts and authorize the Chief Engineer or her designee to execute contracts for work in various cities and unincorporated communities within the Ballona Creek Watershed and San Gabriel River Watershed.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Award and authorize the Chief Engineer or her designee to prepare the maintenance service contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contracts, and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance filed by the contractors for the following:

Project ID No. FMD0003120 – Catch Basin Cleanout 2011, Ballona Creek Watershed, to clean approximately 8,700 catch basins in various cities and unincorporated communities within the Ballona Creek Watershed, to Universal Maintenance Co., in the amount of \$71,775.

Project ID No FMD3000007 - Catch Basin Cleanout 2011, San Gabriel River Watershed, et al., to clean approximately 23,000 catch basins in various cities and unincorporated communities within the San Gabriel River Watershed, to J & G Maintenance Service, in the amount of \$172,270.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval from your Board, acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD), to award these maintenance service contracts and authorize the Chief Engineer or her designee to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Materials Bonds and insurance filed by the contractors for each of these projects.

The project description, call for bids and bid opening dates, tabulation of bids, and financial information are included in the enclosure for each respective project. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also enclosed.

The recommended maintenance service contracts are necessary to execute Board directed and approved Department of Public Works (Public Works) projects in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and the subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). Awarding these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and will enhance the quality of life in the affected communities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

These actions will have no impact to the County General Fund.

The enclosure for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate, the other bids received, and more detailed fiscal and financial information.

Sufficient funds for Project ID Nos. FMD0003120 and FMD3000007 are included in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Flood Control District Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The contract agreements will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel. The recommended contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis and are in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and County requirements. The contractors are in compliance with the Chief Executive Officer's and your Board's requirements.

The award of the contracts will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. These contracts contain terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County of Los Angeles' (County) Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service

Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; Local Business Enterprise Preference Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.204; and the standard Board directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the LACFCD to award maintenance service contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the LACFCD to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure the contracts are awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by each respective contractor was considered before making this recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Each of these projects was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contracts were solicited on an open-competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the State Public Contract Code.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, these projects were listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

Public Works will review and approve the Faithful Performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT
June 7, 2011

PROJECT ID NO. FMD0003120 - CATCH BASIN CLEANOUT 2011, BALLONA CREEK WATERSHED (in various cities and unincorporated communities within the Ballona Creek Watershed), Supervisorial Districts 2 and 3.

TYPE OF WORK: Cleaning of approximately 8,700 catch basins at various locations throughout the Ballona Creek Watershed.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: March 15, 2011 (Agenda Item 39)

BID OPENING DATE: April 19, 2011

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Elizabeth Castro, an individual dba Universal Maintenance Co. 160 East Gage Avenue Los Angeles, California 90003 (323) 229-2945	\$ 71,775.00
2	*+Ron's Maintenance	\$ 78,300.00
3	*+J & G Maintenance Service, Inc.	\$ 104,400.00
4	*+Clean Environmental, Inc.	\$ 115,275.00

*MWBE
+LSBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$ 104,400.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$ 71,775.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 32,625.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 31 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are available in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Flood Control District Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Universal Maintenance Co., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On March 15, 2011, Agenda Item 39, your Board found this project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

This project is to be completed in 50 working days. It is estimated the work will start in June 2011 and be completed in September 2011.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
June 7, 2011

PROJECT ID NO. FMD3000007 – CATCH BASIN CLEANOUT 2011, SAN GABRIEL RIVER WATERSHED, ET AL. (in various cities and unincorporated communities within the San Gabriel River Watershed), Supervisorial Districts 1, 4, and 5

TYPE OF WORK: Cleaning of approximately 23,000 catch basins at various locations throughout the San Gabriel River Watershed.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: March 1, 2011 (Agenda Item 41)

BID OPENING DATE: April 5, 2011

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*+J & G Maintenance Service 10242 San Carlos Avenue Downey, California 90280 (323) 492-2366	\$172,270.00
2	*Golden West Arbor Services, Inc.	\$230,000.00
3	*+Clean Environmental, Inc.	\$249,550.00
	*MWBE +LSBE	

Hummer Construction, Inc., and Ron's Maintenance submitted bids in the amounts of \$270,250 and \$276,000, respectively; however, their bids did not include acceptable bid guaranties. Therefore, their bids are considered nonresponsive and rejected as provided in the contract documents.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$276,000.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$172,270.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$103,730.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 38 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are available in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Flood Control District Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

J & G Maintenance Service has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On March 1, 2011, Agenda Item 41, your Board found this project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

This project is to be completed in 70 working days. It is estimated the work will start in June 2011 and be completed in September 2011.

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